

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2017-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (AHCC)
REGARDING BEAR PROOF TRASH CANS BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN THE
COUNCIL AREA

WHEREAS, the general membership of the AHCC is not scheduled to meet until September 21, 2017 and there is urgency to have the subject of this resolution acted upon before the next general membership meeting;

WHEREAS, according to the AHCC bylaws, the executive board is authorized to make decisions and speak on behalf of the council when the general membership is unable to do so;

WHEREAS, the executive board met on July 30, 2017 to discuss the subject matter of this resolution and approved the following;

WHEREAS, the AHCC through its executive board recognizes past and future risks of garbage bears to the public safety and recognizes salmon are starting to return to our creeks;

WHEREAS, the AHCC through its executive board recognizes that Chester Creek defines and abuts several boundaries of the council;

WHEREAS, about half of the AHCC is bordered by greenbelts, including a section of greenbelt that runs through the council area;

WHEREAS, the AHCC continues to be a proactive council by supporting the greenbelts and creeks in and next to the council area;

WHEREAS, the AHCC area has had six bear sightings on six different days this year and possibly more;

WHEREAS, the AHCC is one of the older neighborhoods in Anchorage and many of the homes do not have a garage or a proper storage area in which to secure trash from bears;

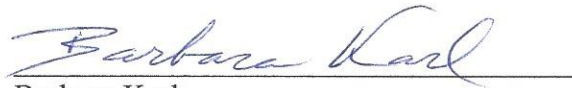
WHEREAS, the AHCC members, in consultation with Solid Waste Services and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, will work to educate area residents on responsible garbage handling through a variety of ways including social media, mailers, door hangers, or face-to-face visits;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AHCC through its executive board requests that the Anchorage Assembly declare the AHCC to be a bear area;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AHCC through its executive board requests a one-time waiver from the Municipality of Anchorage Solid Waste Services fee charged to replace the current standard trash cans with bear resistant trash cans to those who request the replacement at no cost or for a greatly reduced fee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AHCC through its executive board recognizes that proper garbage storage is the most feasible way to greatly reduce the risk of bear interactions in a neighborhood.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council executive board on July 30, 2017 and will be presented to the full council membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 21, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Karl". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Barbara Karl
President